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To Our Friends and Customers:

Yes, we have again a fine selection of modern lilies for you despite what you may have heard of our last winter.

The winter 1948-49 was the most severe in the history of the Northwest. Our soil froze to a depth of 14 inches. Not expecting such weather no mulch whatsoever had been used on any of our plantings. While such semi-hardy bulbs as Watsonias, Ixias, Ornithogalum, etc., suffered heavily (Watsonias 95% winter killed) all the lilies mentioned in our list came through the winter in excellent shape if planted in the ground. Some lilies that were kept in boxes and exposed to severe freezing were damaged or lost.

We have been growing lilies for over 10 years and still believe they are the most fascinating flowers to grow. The number of new Hybrids of great merit is astonishing and many a thrill is in store for the lover of beautiful lilies to see these in bloom for the first time.

It is our sincere endeavor to get lilies to our customers in first class condition; that's why as a rule we dig our lilies the day they are shipped. When you receive our lilies you will see the difference for yourself. We ship beginning October first and appreciate early ordering.

Sincerely,

Lilydale Bulb and Flower Gardens

No Garden Should Be Without These Two Lilies:

LILYDALE CENTIFOLIUM HYBRID

(Originated in Our Gardens)

A truly magnificent new garden lily. Culture as easy as Regal. It grows to a height of 6 feet, established specimens will bear 15-35 immense trumpets almost twice as large as Regal. Color is white to velvety cream, open flared trumpet with tips of petals rolling back. Pleasantly fragrant.

Large Bulbs:

9" and up, \$1.50 each; 6 for \$7.50; Dozen \$14.00

CUSTOMERS WRITE US:

- ... we were very much surprised
- ... very, very beautiful ...
- ...the 3 bulbs purchased last year produced five strong stalks . . .

L. THEODORE D. HAVEMEYER

This much sought after lily is very scarce in the U. S. However, our stock has increased now to a point where we can offer it at only \$3.50 for the medium size bulb.

Our stock is the true Havemeyer. It is a vigorous grower. To the astonishment of visitors to our gardens last year, bulbs that were not disturbed for a few years grew to a height of 11 feet with 45-60 flowers to a stalk. The blooming period lasts over four weeks. In fact, the flowerheads are so heavy that staking is advisable. The flowers are large, 6-8" across, of semitrumpet or bowl shape and of a warm, soft buff or creamy old ivory color with deep green at throat. Received Award of Merit from Royal Horticultural Society of England. Unsurpassable for cutting. August flowering; 6-7" deep. Light shade.

Medium bulbs, \$3.50 each. Large bulbs, \$5.00 each.



L. GIGANTEUM The Giant Lily from the Himalayas

We do not know of a more interesting and exciting lily to grow than the Giant Lily. In England it is the pride of the big estates. In this country every flower lover can grow it who can meet the following requirements: a half-shade location, well drained acid soil (plenty of peatmoss mixed into the soil), plant food and water during the growing season. Giganteum should only be transplanted during the dormant season; October is the best time. The roots are not damaged the way we pack the bulbs and the lily will take hold in its new location before severe freezing sets in. Of course it should be planted at once upon arrival, roots should never be allowed to dry. The bulbs we ship should bloom within one or two growing seasons.

The big, glossy, heart-shaped leaves make a beautiful plant even if the bulb would never bloom, and to watch this lily grow is a source of never ending interest. The year the bulb blooms, the flower stem may grow up to a height of ten feet within about ten or twelve weeks. You can almost see it grow. It stands to reason that a plant which grows so rapidly must have plenty of plant food and water available during this period.

On the flowering stalk the lower leaves are very large, measuring as much as 52" around, towards the top leaves become smaller. Flower buds grow first in an upward position, finally opening in a downward position. The large, narrow trumpets are pure white outside, with narrow maroon stripes in the throat. The spicy, clove-like scent perfumes the air at night, and even after the flowers fall the forming plump seedpods again make the plant attractive until the end of the season. Only the year it blooms does Giganteum produce a flower stalk.

After blooming the original bulb has spent itself. However, by this time numerous off-sets of varying sizes have been formed. Properly taken care of, these should in due time produce a continuous number of flowering bulbs; in our experience they all bloom within three years. We can think of few things that bring so much satisfaction and happiness to a nature and flower lover as this lily will.

Our planting instructions sent with each order gives detailed information.

Small \$1.50 each

Medium \$2.50 each

Large \$3.50 each

TIPS TO LILY GROWERS

WOOD ASHES washed in around plants 4-6 weeks before flowering will intensify colors for most lilies.

A WELL DRAINED soil is essential for all lilies. If your soil is heavy, lighten it with well-rotted leafmold or mix it with peatmoss. Peatmoss is essential to grow some lilies successfully; we do not know of any lily resenting it.

LIQUID COW MANURE in diluted form is the best plant food for any plant and lilies. Well rotted compost incorporated in the soil is very good. Dishwater, which contains soap, fat, sugar in small amounts is an excellent plant food and very inexpensive.

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND COMMERCIAL FERTILIZ-ERS FOR LILIES. The dangers of burning roots and bulbs is too probable.

For more information we recommend:

Reference Chart of Lilies for Garden and Greenhouse Includes Descriptive Data and Cultural Information on their Care and Management, by EDGAR L. KLINE. Several hundred varieties of lilies listed. You can order this Chart from us.

PRICE \$1.00, postpaid

BOOKS:

Preston, Isabella—Lilies for Every Garden—1947
MacNeil, Alan and Esther—Garden Lilies—1946
Slate, George L.—Lilies for American Gardens—1947
Woodcock, H. Drysdale and Coutts, J.—Lilies . . . Their Culture and Management—1935

The Lily Yearbooks of the North American Lily Society are a source of good lily articles. You may obtain these books by writing to

North American Lily Society 1086 North Broadway Yonkers 3, N.Y.

May we suggest that you

JOIN THE NORTH AMERICAN LILY SOCIETY.

Valuable information about lilies will thus be available to you. Latest circular to members: *Growing Lilies from Seed* by Drs. S. L. Emsweller and G. L. Slate.

WE GUARANTEE our bulbs to be healthy and true to name. However, we cannot be held responsible for losses due to improper planting conditions or lack of proper care.

LILY PRICE LIST 1949

(All Prices Are Postpaid)

L. AZALEA

Vigorous growing, sun-loving Dauricum Hybrid of light apricot color, spotted mahogany. Blooming time May-June. $2-2\frac{1}{2}$ high; plant 4" deep.

65c each; 6 for \$3.60; Dozen \$7.00

L. BELLINGHAM HYBRIDS

A group of these colorful Hybrids, ranging from clear yellow through yellow orange and orange reds with scarlet tipped petals spotted brown, makes a delightful picture if planted against a dark background of evergreens. An excellent cut flower. Partial shade; use plenty of peatmoss; 5-6" deep. Height 6'; June-July flowering.

65c each; 6 for \$3.60; Dozen \$7.00

L. BRENDA WATTS

One of Miss Preston's Hybrids with five foot stalks and large, slightly recurved fire red flowers dotted purple black towards the center that is certain to attract attention in any garden. Sun or partial shade; 6" deep. Late June flowering. \$1.25 each; 6 for \$7.00; Dozen \$13.50

L. LILLIAN CUMMINGS

Another Preston Hybrid, light orange red reflexed flowers, dense foliage, freely flowering. Four to five feet high. Like all Preston Hybrids very hardy and increasing rapidly. Sun or partial shade. 6" deep. July flowering.

\$1.25 each; 6 for \$7.00; Dozen \$13.50

L. DAURICUM WILSONII

A native of North-East Asia, $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 feet tall with erect, large flowers of deep apricot, spotted mahogany. Blooms during August. Sun or partial shade; 4'' deep.

50c each; 6 for \$2.75; Dozen \$5.00

L. DAVIDI IMPROVED

Cinnabar-red flowers with black dots on spikes 6 feet tall. This lily loves full sun. Blooms in July. 5" deep.

50c each; 6 for \$2.75; Dozen \$5.00

L. EDNA KEAN (Preston Hybrid)

Resembling Brenda Watts in form, but a much deeper coloring. Does well in full sun or partial shade. 3-4 feet tall, plant 6" deep. Bloom early July.

75c each; 6 for \$4.15; Dozen \$8.00

L. ELEGANS (Mixed seedlings)

These low-growing lilies are only 12-18" high which makes them ideal plants for the rock garden, useful for border planting and potted plants. In spite of the short stem they have large flowers, and in these seedlings are included all the colors from delicate yellows to deep crimson reds. Sunloving. Blooms in July. Plant 4" deep.

50c each; 6 for \$2.75; Dozen \$5.00

L. GALAHAD

This new lily, a result of recrossing of Hybrids of Regal, Sulphureum and Sargentiae, is a beautiful trumpet lily in soft sulphur-yellow. Besides its beauty it is a hardy, vigorous grower, producing numerous glowing flowers on its pyramidal raceme. Plant 6" deep. Blooms in late summer.

Each \$4.00

L. HENRYI

Commonly called the golden Speciosum. It is one of the most dependable lilies, growing quite tall with large flower heads of golden yellow orange with green central line. While this lily stands considerable dryness and neglect, with care it will produce stalks with 50 blooms and more. Blooms during August, in sun or light shade. Plant 6" deep.

7-8", 65c each; 6 for \$3.50. 10" and up, \$1.00 each

L. MAXWILL

The 5-7 foot stems of this new Hybrid produce 30 or more large, bright orange red recurving flowers with graceful, long

stamens and brick red anthers, a most interesting color combination. Blooms during late July. Plant in sun or partial shade 5" deep.

50c each; 6 for \$2.75; Dozen \$5.00

L. RED BIRD

Like Galahad, this is a new introduction and has many points in its favor. The five-foot stem is clothed with an abundance of healthy leaves and bears its large, reflexed flowers facing *outward*. The medium dark red flowers touched with tigrinum-rose will provide a most charming picture in the garden. It increases rapidly since it produces bulbils in its leaf axils, a characteristic inherited from its partigrinum parent. Blooms for a long period during late midsummer. Full sun, 5" deep.

Each \$3.00

L. REGAL

The best known of all the trumpet lilies and still a "REGAL" Lily. One of the easiest to grow and most beautiful. Its form and color are so well known they require no further description. June flowering, full sun, 6" deep.

7-8" circ.: 35c each; 6 for \$1.85; Dozen \$3.50

L. SCOTTIAE—Light form

The medium sized stalk, 2-3 feet, carries large, recurved, salmon-orange colored flowers facing outward. Late June-July flowering, of easy culture, loves sun. Plant 5" deep. \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.50; Dozen \$10.50

L. SCOTTIAE—Dark form

Similar habit and form as the above but darker in color and blooming in late May to early June which makes it one of the earliest lilies to bloom.

\$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.50; Dozen \$10.50

L. SHUKSAN HYBRIDS

The recurved, large, soft buff yellow flowers slightly flushed with red at tips, spotted maroon, grow on 4-6 foot stalks. This lily does best in light shade with plenty of peatmoss added to the soil. July flowering. Plant 6" deep.

75c each; 6 for \$4.15; Dozen \$8.00

L. TENUIFOLIUM

This little garden lily is native to Northeast Asia and is quite well known under the name Coral Lily. It grows only to a height of 1-2 feet but the bright, small recurved flowers of waxy scarlet catch every eye. A pretty little plant, worth a place in every garden. Plant 3" deep in full sun. Blooms late June.

30c each; 6 for \$1.65; Dozen \$3.00

SPECIOSUM LILIES

There is hardly a plant that contributes so generously to the beauty of the garden and rewards the lover of flowers so richly for the little care devoted to it than this group of Lilies. Given the right location, a soil well drained and mixed with a generous amount of peatmoss, they will bloom year after year, increasing steadily. While imported stocks of this lily may grow to a height of 3-4 feet, often won't even bloom the first year, our Oregon grown bulbs, according to reports from our customers in the Middle West did grow the first year after planting to a height of 6 feet, flowering accordingly. The flowers of our Speciosum are outstanding. We ship them yearly to florists all over the nation to be used for corsages, weddings, etc. We can offer two varieties this year:

L. SPECIOSUM RUBRUM

The flowers have broad petals of white suffused pink, spotted rose. Large bulbs, 9" and up:

\$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.25; Dozen \$10.00

L. SPECIOSUM MAGNIFICUM

The flowers of this lily are truly magnificent. The stems are strong, dark purplish green with dark green shiny leaves. While we grow Rubrum and Magnificum in our gardens in full sun, for other parts of the country we suggest light shade. Magnificum will stand more sun than Rubrum. To prevent the soil from drying out quickly, we use a heavy mulch of peatmoss (4" deep) on our Speciosum beds. The flowers of Magnificum are a rich carmine red, margined white with crimson spots. Long graceful stamens with chocolate-colored anthers accentuate their beauty. Speciosum will bloom for about a month during August and September. Plant 6" deep. Large: 9" and up, \$1.50 each; 6 for \$7.50; Dozen \$14.00

UMBELLATUM LILIES

All Umbellatums are lilies easy to grow and they establish themselves readily in your garden. Give them a place in full sun or partial shade and you will enjoy their sturdy growth and varied gay colors. We offer the following selections:

L. UMBELLATUM GOLDEN FLEECE (Hybrid)

The "Candlestick" flowerhead of this Umbellatum has large erect flowers of a golden yellow, petals tipped scarlet. A group of these lilies will provide a cheerful picture even on a dark day. Height 2-2½. June flowering. Plant 4" deep.

45c each; 6 for \$2.50; Dozen \$4.75

L. UMBELLATUM ERECTUM (Hybrid)

The large flowers of this lily are brilliant orange-red on 2-3 feet stems. June flowering. Plant 4" deep.

45c each; 6 for \$2.50; Dozen \$4.75

L. UMBELLATUM INCOMPARABLE (Hybrid)

The rich crimson red of the large flowers make them incomparable indeed. A few bulbs of Golden Fleece planted close to it makes a vivid color combination. Height 2-3 feet. June flowering. Plant 4" deep.

50c each; 6 for \$2.75; Dozen \$5.00

L. UMBELLATUM ORANGE KING (Hybrid)

A large, bright orange flower, tipped a deep red, enlivened with a few black spots, should be able to hold its own anywhere. Stems 2-2½' feet tall, June flowering. Plant 4" deep. 65c each; 6 for \$3.65; Dozen \$6.75

L. WILLMOTTIAE

From far away China comes this bulb. We have it growing in our gardens for years with as many as 45 recurved, orangered black-dotted flowers to a stalk. Of added beauty is the dense fine foliage with which the 5-foot-tall stems are covered. July flowering. Sun or very light shade. Plant 5" deep. 50c each; 6 for \$2.75; Dozen \$5.00

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Lilydale's Christmas **Holly**

Across the Narrows from Tacoma, Washington (Puget Sound), on the Olympic Peninsula, lies the little fishing town of Gig Harbor. A few miles out, 75 feet above the blue waters of the sound with a magnificent view of the snow-covered Olympic mountains our grove of English Holly is located. We have been cutting Holly for the past five years and we can truthfully say no Holly is more beautiful than that cut from trees growing in the moist cool temperatures along the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

sprig of Holly tied to an inexpensive Christlift will assure you of greater appreciation for Ided thoughtfulness. A whole gift box of these shiny sprays enhanced by the bright red berries spell Merry Christmas in every American home.

We offer this beautiful Holly in three packages: No. 1 package, approx. 3 lbs. Postpaid \$3.00 No. 2 package, approx. 5 lbs. Postpaid \$5.00 No. 3 large package, containing net 10 lbs. of Holly, (Enough for decorating churches, clubs, etc., or to be divided among help in home, office or shop.) shipped by express f.o.b. Tacoma, Wash. \$7.50

Order now to get away from the Holiday rush. Orders should be in our hands not later than November 1st, shipping time November 25th to December 15th.

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